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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MEMO FROM THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE

THE FOLLOWING MEMO WAS RECEIVED TELEGRAPHICALLY ON SEPTEMBER 8
FROM DTA IN WINDHOEK. IT IS PRESUMABLY THE SAME MEMORANDUM WHICH SABC
REPORTS THE DTA SENT TO THE UNSYG. BEGIN TEXT:

INTRODUCTION:

IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD THUS FAR ON THE NAMIBIAN
ISSUE, THE DTA MOSTLY DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF STATING ITS VIEWS

ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS
TOOK PLACE MAINLY BETWEEN THE WESTERN POWERS AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT. THIS CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE DTA WAS BEING
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REPRESENTED BY SOUTH AFRICA. HOWEVER, THE DTA IS NOT PREPARED
TO HAVE ITS VIEWS REPRESENTED BY ANYONE ELSE, NOT EVEN SOUTH
AFRICA. THE DTA IS NOT AT ALL SATISFIED WITH THE POSITION IN WHICH IT

HAS BEEN PLACED BY THE WESTERN POWERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE DTA IS NOT INTERESTED IN A SOLUTION WHICH SUITS THE UNITED

NATIONS OR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. IT IS ONLY INTERESTED IN A SOLUTION WHICH PROVES TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. IN VIEW OF THE AFOREMENTIONED, THE DTA WISHES TO STATE ITS VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

A) ELECTION AND INDEPENDENCE DATE:

THE WESTERN PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED BY THE DTA UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS THOSE OBTAINING AT PRESENT. THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED THE MOMENT SWAPO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS. AT THE TIME THAT THE DTA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS, THERE WAS STILL A PERIOD OF EIGHT MONTHS LEADING TO THE 31ST DECEMBER 1978. HOWEVER, WHEN SWAPO ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS TWO MONTHS LATER, THERE WAS ONLY SIX MONTHS LEFT. AT THE TIME OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THERE WAS ONLY FOUR MONTHS LEFT, WHICH MAKES ELECTIONS AND INDEPENDENCE BEFORE THE PROPOSED DATE AN IMPOSSIBILITY. HAD THE DTA AT THE TIME IT ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER DELAY OF FOUR MONTHS, IT WOULD NOT HAVE READILY ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS.

BECAUSE THE DTA ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS AGO, IT IS NOT PREPARED TO BIND ITSELF NOW TO A SITUATION WHICH IT COULD NOT THEN HAVE FORESEEN. THE DTA IS AWARE THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ACCOMPANY INDEPENDENCE NEED TIME AND THAT IT WOULD

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MOST LIKELY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA ON OR BEFORE 31/12/78: DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. AHTISAARI, THE DTA EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT IT, AT THE LEAST, WOULD WANT AN ELECTION FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF THE STEPS TO
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FOLLOW IN RESPECT OF THE DATE OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH SHOULD BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ORIGINAL TARGET DATE OF 31/12/78. THE DTA STILL HOLDS THIS VIEW AND REJECTS THE PROLONGATION OF THE DATE OF ELECTION AS PROPOSED BY DR. WALDHEIM.

B) CONDITIONS FOR A FREE ELECTION:

IN ALL THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF SWA/NAMIBIA: PEACE WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT PREREQUISITE. AS DETERMINED IN THE WESTERN PROPOSALS THE PRIMARY STEP TOWARDS PEACE WAS TO BE AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. THE DTA SEES NO REASON WHY THESE HOSTILITIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ENDED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BOTH SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS. THE DTA THEREFORE

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DEMANDS THAT SWAPO BE FORCED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO AN IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

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(C) TIME SCHEDULE:

THE TIME SCHEDULE OF SEVEN MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE SHORTENED BECAUSE ALL PARTIES HAVE THUS FAR HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO LODGE THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. THE DTA HAS UP TO THE PRESENT, CARRIED ITS ELECTION CAMPAIGN UNDER THE MOST UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS BECAUSE LEADERS AND POLITICAL ORGANIZERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MURDERED AND REMAIN IN DANGER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SWAPO HAS NEVER BEEN PLACED AT SUCH A DISADVANTAGE. NOT ONLY COULD THEY MOVE

AROUND FREELY BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEY WERE PROTECTED BY THE LAW OF THE LAND. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE ABDUCTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE NORTH AND INTIMIDATING AND MURDERING THE INHABITANTS OF THIS COUNTRY. SOULD SWAPO CONTINUE TO PERPETRATE THESE DEEDS, THE DTA WILL CONSIDER URGING THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE
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THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE ACTION AGAINST SWAPO.

D) SIZE OF PEACEKEEPING FORCE:

AT THE TIME OF THE REQUEST BY THE WESTERN POWERS TO SOUTH AFRICA TO DECREASE HER FORCES AND TO WITHDRAW THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY FROM OVAMBO, IT WAS ASKED WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRITORIAL SECURITY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. THE REPLY FROM THE WESTERN POWERS WAS THAT THERE WOULD AT THAT STAGE BE A STATE OF PEACE

AND THAT NO FORCES OR SOLDIERS WOULD BE REQUIRED BECAUSE THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER. IT WAS UNDER THESE CONDITIONS THAT THE DTA AGREED TO A REDUCTION OF THE SA FORCES. THEREFORE, IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A STATE OF PEACE, IT IS NOT UNUNDERSTANDABLE WHY A UN FORCE OF 7,500 IS REQUIRED, THE MOTIVATION FOR SUCH A FORCE IS NOT CLEAR. THE DTA IS OF THE OPINION THAT IN THE CASE OF SWAPO OR THE SA GOVERNMENT NOT KEEPING TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT NO UN FORCE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE SITUATION BECAUSE: 1) THE UN FORCES, ACCORDING TO DR. WALDHEIM WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED IN A FIGHTING ROLL BUT WOULD MERELY ACT IN SELF DEFENSE. 2) THESE UN FORCES DO NOT KNOW THE LOCAL CONDITIONS AND CANNOT SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL LANGUAGES: 3) THE TERRORIST WAR IS OF SUCH NATURE THAT SWAPO TERRORIST CANNOT BE DISTINGUISHED FROM LOCAL INHABITANTS. IN THE LIGHT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FACTS, IT WOULD MEAN THAT ANY UN FORCE WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE COOPERATION FROM ALL PARTIES NAMELY SWAPO, THE SA POLICE, AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUBMIT COMPLAINTS IN CASE OANY OF THE PARTIES DO NOT HONOR THE AGREEMENT. IT WILL, THEREFORE, MERELY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A SUPERVISORY GROUP WHO COULD TAKE NOTE OF ANY VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE WALDHEIM REPORT ALSO MAKES NO MENTION OF THE MONITORING OF SWAPO BASES IN ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA. THE DTA FEELS STRONGLY

THAT THE MONITORING OF THESE BASES SHOULD MOST DEFINITELY BE INCLUDED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IN CONCLUSION, THE DTA IS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL HAS BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED. THE DTA WOULD LIKE THAT HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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POSITION AS THE DE FACTO INTERIM GOVERNMENT ONCE MORE BE CONFIRMED.

E) UN POLICE FORCE:

THE WALDHEIM REPORT PROVIDES INTER ALIA FOR A UN POLICE FORCE. THE DTA REJECTS THIS RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT CONTAINED IN THE WESTERN PROPOSALS WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY THE DTA. SHOULD THE PRESENT DELIBERATIONS IN NEW YORK NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL, THE DTA WILL CONSIDER COOPERATION WITH OTHER INSTANCES IN NAMIBA WHICH ALSO ASPIRE TO A SPEEDY SOLUTION. THESE INSTANCES WIL BE REQUESTED TO INSTITUTE A CONTROL BODY TO SUPERVISE THAT THE ELECTIONS PROGRESS FAIRLY AND THAT NO POLITICAL PARTY WILL BE PREVILEGED HIS DOES NOT MEAN A COMPROMISE ON POLITICAL POLICY BETWEEN THE DTA AND OR

THESE INSTANCES. A FURTHER POSSIBILITY WILL BE CONSIDERED TO REQUEST

FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND/OR INSTANCES ABROAD TO SEND OBSERVERS IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. END TEXT.
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